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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING MULTI-LAYERED PREFORMS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

N.E. Claim 7, line, delete " or 3"
N.E. Claim 8, line, delete "or 5"

Please add the following new claims:

9. Preform produced according to one of the methods as claimed in Claim 3 characterized in that it shows a component B content of over 35 vol. %.

10. Preform produced according to one of the methods as claimed in Claim 5, characterized in that it shows a barrier layer of material C of less than approx. 5 vol. % and a material B content of over 35 vol. %.